

August 13, 2023  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty  
Invocation

#45

The Law of Christ:

Col 3:12-15

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore, let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin: From Ps 51

**Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds-- they haunt me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner-- yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Cleanse me in the blood of your righteous and only-begotten Son, my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ by whose merit we pray. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon

Col 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

**Congregation: We give praise to God who has liberated us from our trespasses.**

Pastor: How has He freed you from your trespasses?

**Congregation: He has canceled the record of debt that stood against us, having crucified it in Christ at the cross (Col 2:14).**

**All: Praise and glory be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Congregation: We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to**

**you commands. Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. ( Ps 92:1 )

**Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)**

Hymn: Commit Now All Your Griefs

#669

Confession of Faith: *Shorter Catechism in Modern English*

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

**The decrees of God are his eternal plan, according to the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass; yet in such a manner as to be in no way the author of sin.**

Q. 8. How does God carry out his decrees?

**God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

**The work of creation is the making by God of all things from nothing, by his powerful word, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

Song: El-Shaddai

#42

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 17:1-19

Psalter: Ps 37:3-7 Forever Trusting in the Lord

#671

Epistle: Galatians 3:1-9

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?

**It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.**

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

**Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**

Did you suffer so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain?

**Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—**

just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

**Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.**

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

**So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.**

Sermon: Mordecai Honored

Esther 5:9-6:14

Lord's Supper

Bread: Christ of All My Hope the Ground

Cup: Come to the Waters

#518

Come to the waters whoever is thirsty  
Drink from the fountain that never runs dry  
Jesus the Living One offers you mercy  
Life more abundant in boundless supply

Come to the river that flows through the city  
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son  
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."  
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One

Come to the Fountain without any money  
Buy what is given without any cost.  
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary.  
Jesus the selfless One died for the lost

Come to the Well of unmerited favor  
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.  
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.  
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.  
God has provided an end to sin's strife.  
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?  
Take the free gift of the water of life.

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song:           **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,

Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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